

Links to Business Assistance

ACCION

ACCION USA is a private non-profit organization that offers small business loans of up to \$50,000 and financial literacy education to small business owners in the United States.

<http://www.accionusa.org/>

Somerville Local First

Somerville Local First, formed in March 2008, is a network of locally owned and independent businesses to build a robust Somerville economy and a vibrant community.

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<http://www.somervillelocalfirst.org/>

Union Square Main Streets

Local economic development organization committed to increasing the vibrancy of this Somerville neighborhood by enhancing the Union Square business district and surrounding neighborhoods through active community collaboration.

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<http://www.unionsquaremain.org/>

East Somerville Main Streets

Volunteer-driven organization dedicated to developing community initiatives and events that reflect and promote the true character of East Somerville as a vibrant place to live, visit, and do business.

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DARBI - Davis Square Area Residents-Business Initiate

Local non profit organization to promote Davis Square as an attractive place to live, visit, shop and conduct business.

Contact Info:
E-mail: info@yourdavissquare.com
<http://www.yourdavissquare.com/>

Business.gov

The official business link to the U.S. Government is managed by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) in a partnership with 21 other federal agencies. This partnership, known as Business Gateway, is a Presidential E-government Initiative that provides a single access point to government services and information to help the nation's businesses with their operations.

SCORE

The SCORE Association (Service Corps of Retired Executives) is a resource partner of the SBA dedicated to entrepreneur education and the formation, growth and success of small businesses nationwide. There are more than 10,500 SCORE volunteers in 374 chapters operating in over 800 locations who assist small businesses with business counseling and training. SCORE also operates an active online counseling initiative.

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SBA U.S. Small Business Administration

Massachusetts District Office

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) was created in 1953 as an independent agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation.

Contact info:
Phone: 617-565-5590
<http://www.sba.gov/localresources/district/ma/index.html>

Massachusetts Small Business Development Center & Minority Business Center

The Boston Regional Office & Minority Business Center provides entrepreneurs a network of resources to help them meet business challenges.

Contact info:
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<http://www.sbdc.umb.edu/>

The Center for Women & Enterprise (CWE)

Entrepreneurial training organization which mission focus on empower women to become economically self-sufficient and prosperous through entrepreneurship.

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Tel. 617-532-0240

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Executive Office for Administration and Finance Operational Services Division

The Affirmative Market Program (AMP), housed at the Operational Services Division was established in 1996 through Executive Order 390 (EO390) , "Establishing an Affirmative Market Program in Public Contracting". EO390 instituted a policy to promote the award of state contracts in a manner that develops and strengthens certified Minority and Women Business Enterprises (M/WBEs). its mission is to increase business opportunities for M/WBEs and to diversify our workforce.